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Applicant: Rui Mei, et al.

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Title: **Methods and Computer
Software Products for Selecting
Nucleic Acid Probes**



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2002, Applicants submit herewith twenty-eight sheets of substitute drawings.

Applicants have submitted a response to Restriction Requirement via facsimile on May 14, 2002. A copy of the response to the Restriction Requirement is attached herewith. Applicants reiterate the election of Group I. Applicants further elect Specie A: selection of probes via only predicting quantitative response and hybridization intensities to a target. (Claims 1-13; claims 1-3, and 8-11, do not recite predicting mismatch hybridization).

Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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